



September 30, 2009

EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket. 09-51
Special Access Rates for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, Walter McCormick and I met with Commissioner Clyburn and her legal advisor Carol Simpson. We discussed broadband adoption and deployment and the challenges to making broadband available to every household and maximizing adoption. We also discussed the challenges posed by the long middle mile distances involved in rural connections to the Internet.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Banks
Senior Vice President, Law and Policy

cc: Carol Simpson